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SUBJECT: OECD MINISTERIAL DATES

1. ACTION POSTS (EXCEPT OECD PARIS) REQUESTED DELIVER
FOLLOWING PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY TO FOREIGN
MINISTER:

DEAR :
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AS YOU KNOW, OECD SECRETARY-GENERAL VAN LENNEP HAS
PROPOSED THAT THIS YEAR'S OECD MINISTERIAL MEETING BE
HELD JUNE 9-10, AND THAT FOREIGN MINISTERS ATTEND AT
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LEAST THE FIRST DAY.

ALTHOUGH WE INFORMED VAN LENNEP THAT THE JUNE 9-10 DATEY WERE ACCEPTABLE TO US, I NOW FIND THAT I WOULD HAVE SOME DIFFICULTY IN TRAVELLING TO PARIS AT THAT TIME. THE REASON IS THAT I AM COMMITTED TO VISIT A NUMBER OF LATIN AMERICAN CAPITALS IN CONJUNCTION WITH MY ATTENDANCE AT THE MINISTERIAL MEETING OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES (OAS). WHEN WE INFORMED THE OEVD OF OUR AGREEMENT TO JUNE 9-10, IT APPEARED THAT THE OAS MEETING WOULD BE HELD IN LATE JUNE. HOWEVER, FOR RATHER COMPLEX REASONS HAVING TO DO WIT, AMONG OTHER THINGS, A SPECIAL CELEBRATION IN PANAMA, MY LATIN AMERICAN COLLEAGUES HAVE NOW SETTLED ON EARLY JUNE DATES FOR THE OAS MEETING.

IT WOULD BE A CONSIDERABLE CONVENIENCE TO ME IF THE OECD MINISTERS MET ON JUNE 22-23 (OR AT SOME OTHER TIME DURING THE WEEK OF JUNE 21). BEFORE PROPOSING THESE DATES TO SECRETARY-GENERAL VAN LENNEP, HOWEVER, I WANTED TO INQUIRE WHETHER THEY WOULD BE CONVENIENT FOR YOU. I AM ALSO CONTACTING SEVERAL OTHER FOREIGN MINISTERS REGARDING THIS SUGGESTION.

WARM REGARDS,

HENRY A. KISSINGER

2. OECD PARIS REQUESTED INFORM VAN LENNEP THAT ABOVE APPROACH BEING MADE. KISSINGER

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